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THE ASPIRANT SOWS WILD OATS

THE FALSE-SELF, AS RULER OF THE BEING,
GAVE SATIATION TO THE FACULTIES,
AND DREW AN ESSENCE OF CONSCIOUSNESS
THROUGH THE CO-OPERATION OF THE SENSES.

The False-Self, seizing the essence of being,
Demanded the untempered and unsullied potentialities
Which its predecessor, the Self,
Had taken from the seat of consciousness;

That the False-Self and its faculties,
Its dignities in substance,
Its activity in being,
Might be expressed therethrough.

To the False-Self were yielded the untempered potentialities
Taken from the sinus of the divine spark in the head;
And the False-Self, its faculties, dignities and activities,
Were expressed through the essence of being.

These extracted the essence in consciousness;
And through sensation knew the divine power
In the ecstasies of the sun and moon,
Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury and Saturn.

In this mood came an attenuation of expression in super-ecstasy,
Which carried the experience to the spark within,
Etching the understanding upon the ethers of memory,
And the False-Self was aware of this attenuation.

Then was the self-sufficiency of the False-Self dimmed,
And its consciousness confused within its being.
The reservoir of physical power was emptied,
And all being throbbed with the sensation of ecstasy.

The False-Self openly summoned
Signs and portents and hidden knowledge,
And said: "Whatever shall explain the attenuation
And show me the purpose thereof,
Shall be obeyed by me and held in consciousness
To become a third power in this being.

Then came into consciousness all hidden knowledge,
Which could not explain the ecstasy nor the purpose;
Yet was the False-Self ecstatic,
Its self-sufficiency dimmed and its faculties confused.

Now the seed-atom of the emotional vehicle,
Awakened by the expression of the False-Self and its faculties,
Came into the consciousness and spake and said:
"False-Self, in thy eternal aspect fear not,
Nor let thy self-sufficiency be dimmed.

"There is a principle in thy realm
In whom is the spirit of the divine spark;
And in the cycles of thy father light and understanding,
And wisdom like the divine were found in him.

"And the Self, thy father; O False-Self, made him
Master of signs, portents, influences and hidden knowledge;
Forasmuch as divine sympathy, wisdom and intuition,
Interpretation of vision and arcana,
Transformation of fears were found in this same Judgment,
Whom the Self constituted God-presence.
Now let Judgment be called and he will explain the ecstasy."

Then was Judgment called before the False-Self,
  Who spake and said unto Judgment:
"Art thou that Judgment incarnate in experience,
  Whom the Self, my father, called out of innermost being?

"I have heard of thee, that the divine spark,
  And light, understanding and inner wisdom dwell in thee;
And now hidden knowledge and portents have come to me;
That they should know this sensation and interpret it,
  Yet they cannot make known to me the understanding thereof.

"But I have heard of thee, that thou
  Canst give interpretations and transmute fears;
And now if thou canst know the sensation and interpret it,
  Thou shalt be obeyed by me and held in consciousness
  To be a third ruler in this being."

Then Judgment answered and said before the False-Self:
  "Let my gifts be to thyself and thy rewards to another;
Nevertheless I will accept the sensation of the False-Self,
  And make known the understanding thereof.

"O thou False-Self; the inner spark gave to the Self, thy father,
  The realm, co-ordination, illumination and self-control;
And because of that co-ordination all the parts of being,
  Associations and expressions deferred to the Self.

"What it would it destroyed and what it would it sustained,
  And what it would it exalted or else put out of being;
But when separation was complete,
  And the spark within encysted in the consciousness of the Self,
The Self was shorn of power in its realm,
  And its divinely human state was taken from it.
It plunged within the passions of sense,
  And dwelt without control of its acts.

"It lived to learn discretion of appetite,
  And yielded to dissolute living,
Until the Self learned that the inner spark rules,
  And gives the kingdom of man where it wills.

"AND THOU, O FALSE-SELF,
  FOR THIS PURPOSE ART SPRUNG FROM THE SELF:
AND THOU HAST NOT KEPT THY IMPULSES PURE,
  THOUGH THOU KNEWEST ALL THESE THINGS!

"Thou has exalted thyself above normal being,
  And the Hierarchs have given thee unsullied potentialities,
And thou and thy faculties, thy dignities and activities,
  Have expressed thyself through the essence of this being.

"And thou hast sought the ecstasy of sun and moon,
  Venus, Jupiter, Mars, Mercury and Saturn,
  Which have no sense of faculty in being;
And the inner spark in whose expression thy being is,
And for whose growth thou alone existeth,
  Thou hast given no expression through thee.

"Due to the attenuation in expression of the inner spark,
  Was the ecstasy of orgasm which halted thee;
And upon the ethers of memory was inscribed:
' 'Numbered, numbered, weighed, and divisions.'

"THIS IS THE INTERPRETATION OF THE PHENOMENON!

"Numbered: the inner spark has been drawn into thy realm;
  Numbered: and thy rule is brought to an end;
Weighed: thou hast been subjected to fire and burned out;
  Divisions: thy rule is divided between the two lower realms."

Then the False-Self obeyed Judgment and held Judgment in consciousness,
And Judgment was made third ruler of the realm;
But in this surrender the False-Self lost the realm of being,
And the Shadow-Self received the focal consciousness.

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THE EPISODE OF DEGENERACY

And the Shadow-Self of the habit nature
Received the focal consciousness:
And this was the third cycle of individuality.

THE SHADOW-SELF CRYSTALLIZED THE BEING
IN GEOMETRIC RESPONSE TO THE FORCES OF MANIFESTATION.

Twelve reasonings were established
Over the twelve houses of the whole being,
And three action-determinators over these,
Of whom Judgment was one:
So that the quadratures might work through the triplicities,
And the Shadow-Self thus share all experience.

Then this Judgment was distinguished
Over the action-determinators and the reasonings;
And the Shadow-Self thought to set him over the whole being,
As ruler of the angles.

Then the action-determinators and reasonings
Souhgt to find occasion against Judgment
In matters concerning the being;
But they could find no occasion nor fault
Forasmuch as Judgment was faithful;
Neither was error or fault found in him.

THEN SAID THESE LOWER PROMPTINGS:
"WE SHALL NOT FIND ANY OCCASION AGAINST JUDGMENT
EXCEPT WE FIND IT IN HIM CONCERNING THE LAW OF HIS CYCLE!"

Then these action-determinators and reasonings
Intruded into the consciousness of the Shadow-Self,
And said thus to the Shadow-Self:
"O Shadow-Self, thine is the power!

"All the action-determinators, desires and reasonings,
The senses and the purposes have counseled together
To establish a royal statute and to make a strong interdict,
That whosoever for a season shall give power
To any cycle but to thee, O Shado-Self,
Shall be delivered to the passion-elementals!"

Wherefore the Shadow-Self signed the writing and the interdict;
And when Judgment knew the writing was signed
He withdrew within his understanding;
(Now his source was the highest inner spark)
And he sought the inner guidance on every point,
And in aspiration gave power to the inner spark,
As he had always done.

THEN THE LOWER PROMPTINGS INTRUDED INTO THE BEING,
AND FOUND JUDGMENT YIELDING POWER TO HIS OWN HIGHER CYCLE.

"I make a decree that in all the dominion of this being,
  Promptings soften and defer before the inner spark;
For the cycle of Judgment is an eternal cycle,
  And is steadfast forever;
And the epoch of the inner spark shall not be destroyed,
  And its rulership shall be supreme to the end.

"THE INNER SPARK DELIVERETH AND RESCUETH,
  IT GIVETH UNDERSTANDING AND WORKS,
IN BEING AND IN INNER CONSTITUTION;
  AND HAS DELIVERED JUDGMENT FROM THE PASSION ELEMENTALS!

So Judgment prospered
  In the cycle of the Shadow-Self,
And in the cycle of the Golden-Self
  Of the fire nature.

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THE VISION-SYMBOL OF INITIATION

In the first cycle of emotion-consciousness,
  Judgment received a revelation in vision
  Through meditation and aspiration;
Then he wrote the revelation,
  And told the whole of the matter.

The Writing of the Revelation

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THE SEER SPAKE, AND SAID:
I SAW BY INNER VISION; BEHOLD:

The four manifestations of spirit
  Awoke to activity in matter;
And four vehicles were created,
  Differentiated one from the other.

The inner vehicle was under Leo, the lion,
  Created through the urge of Scorpio, the lynx.
It was set erect in spiritual independence,
  And to it was entrusted the seed-atom of man.

BEHOLD: The second vehicle was under Cancer, the bear,
  Created to face but in one direction,
  With three channels of nerve currents;
And a mouth ruled by Sagittarius, the horse,
  Commanded to ensoul and raise up flesh.

Another, the outer vehicle, was under Taurus, the panther,
  Divided at the spine into four kingdoms,
And given four heads ruled by Aquarius, the elephant:
  The alimentary, neural, lymphatic, and vascular circulations.

BEHOLD: The etheric vehicle was under Capricorn, the goat,
  Terrible and powerful and exceedingly willful;
With ten centers of sense impact ruled by Gemini, the wolf,
  Who seized upon and tore apart all things,
  And trod upon the useless residue.

BEHOLD: Among the centers of sense impact
  Arose another faculty, a tiny one under Virgo, the hare;
Which functioned only above, or else below, the diaphragm,
  Which understood and gave expression to the understanding,
  Which was prophecy, or the signature of man.

The Hierarchy of the Lords of Flame was responsible,
And one who was hierophant of cycles presided.
His affiliation was the White Lodge;
His development was Egyptian;
His aura was golden;
His horoscope was Libra, the beaver.

FROM HIM CAME FORTH A SPIRITUAL ESSENCE,
A TRIUNE IMPREGNATION OF THE TRINITY OF MATTER;
WHILE THOSE WHO KNEW THE FIRST LIBERATION
WERE DRAWN APART AND LAUNCHED FORWARD UPON NEW CYCLES.

That I beheld because I spoke the prophecy,
Even until the senses were conquered,
And the etheric vehicle transmuted
Into a golden garment.

As for the rest of the vehicles,
Their differentiation was taken away;
Their existence was prolonged
Over from the old cycle into the new one.

I SAW BY INNER VISION,
AND BEHOLD:

Out of the cosmic substance, which was under Pisces, the boar,
Came one, the eternal Self of the vehicles;
Brought before the hierophant of cycles;
Even the aspirant, ruled by Aries, the ram.

To the eternal Self was given differentiation,
And illumination; and a vehicle,
That manifestation, being, and expression should develop him.

His differentiation is an everlasting Selfhood;
His vehicle one that needs no transmutation.

AS FOR ME, THE SEER, MY SPIRIT ACHED IN ITS VEHICLES;
MY CONSCIOUSNESS WAS ECSTATIC IN ITS TRANCE.

I approached an initiate who stood by
And asked him the meaning of these things,
And to me he gave the interpretation.

The four vehicles are four sheaths for the spirit,
And four rulers that arise in the body;
But the consciousness of the spirit
Shall possess the powers of the body
Through the age, and in ages to follow.

Then I desired knowledge of the etheric vehicle,
Which was more active than the other three:
Terrible and powerful and exceedingly willful,
With ten centers of sense impact,
Which seized upon and tore apart all things,
And trod upon the residue.

And knowledge of the newer faculty, the tiny one,
Which understood and gave expression to great things,
Which seemed more permanent than the other faculties.

I BEHELD: and the tiny faculty warred with spirit consciousness,
And prevailed against the eternal self;
Until the hierophant of cycles came,
And liberation was given spirit consciousness
To possess the powers of the vehicles.

THUS THE INITIATE SAID:

The etheric vehicle shall be a principal ruler in the body,
Differentiated from the other vehicles
And controlling the whole body,
Whipping it to activity, and breaking it down.

As for the ten centers of sense impact,
In this vehicle shall ten cycles rule;
And another shall incorporate three,
And produce the first liberation.

This liberation shall deny the spirit,
And starve the consciousness within.
Men shall think to change the times and the law;
The times and the law shall be given into the hands of man
For the first half of a cycle.

But the separation shall be determined,
And the differentiation shall cease with the merging of cycles;
Powers and differentiation,
And the greatness of powers under the whole heaven,
Shall be given to the manifestation of spirit consciousness.

The power of spirit consciousness
Is an everlasting power;
And differentiations are for development,
And obedient to the spirit.

AS FOR ME, THE SEER, MY THOUGHTS GREW ECSTATIC,
MY AURA CHANGED ABOUT ME;
BUT I BUILT THE WHOLE INTO MY CONSCIOUSNESS.

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THE ASPIRANT'S ARMAGEDDON

Judgment speaks

In the third cycle of emotion-consciousness,
And in the expression of the higher pole of being,
A vision appeared to me, even unto Judgment, the seer,
The inner aspect of that which appeared to me at the first.

AND I SAW IN A VISION,
AND IT CAME TO PASS WHEN I VIEWED THESE THINGS,
I WAS IN THE REGION OF FIRE, IN THE TEMPLE
WHICH IS IN THE JURISDICTION OF THE MYSTERIES;
AND I SAW IN A VISION,
AND I STOOD AT THE FORKING OF THE WAYS.

Then I applied my spiritual sight,
For there stood at the forking of the ways,
The aspirant, with two minds within him;
And the first impulse was stronger than the second,
And the first did manifest itself the last.

I saw the aspirant yield to the stronger or physical urge,
And push westward into material expression;
And northwards towards spirituality and southwards towards honor,
So that no inner emotions could stand against his will;
Neither was there anything that could change his purpose,
But he did according to his urge and became established.